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Dear Sir:

01/30/2004 SCOTTON 000000Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully 01 FC:1253 requested in view of the following comments and amendments.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee (\$950.00) for a three-month 01/30/2004 SCOTTON 00000002 501063 09725386 extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 86.00 DA [MSFTP172US].